



Arkwood

Superfund Fact Sheet

February 22, 1989

Status of Site Activities

Well water, spring, and creek samples are being collected this week. These samples are part of the continuing effort to characterize any impact that the Arkwood site may have on the available water in the area. The February samples are being taken to specifically determine any impact as a result of significant rainfall. These samples will be analyzed and the results should be available in May 1989.

Soil sampling to determine the vertical migration (depth) of the on-site contamination has begun. Results of these samples indicate that the concentration of pentachlorophenol varies across the site and ranges from 10 to 5,000 milligrams per kilogram. In the railroad trench north of the site, the depth of contaminated soil appears to exceed 10 feet. Other areas of the site also exhibit deep affected zones. The extent of the affected soil is still being defined and additional results will be available later.

A removal action is currently being discussed as a possibility for this spring. The removal action would excavate contaminated soil that is believed to be the major source of the ground water contamination; i.e., the sump area, sinkhole area, and the railroad ditch north of the site. The excavated material would be trucked offsite to a commercial incinerator. This action would be accomplished by Mass Merchandisers with EPA oversight.

The overall remedial investigation/feasibility study is on schedule and we expect to invite public comment in about a year.

New Project Manager

Mr. Brent Truskowski has recently been assigned as the EPA Project Manager for the Arkwood site. Brent graduated from the Colorado School of Mines with a degree in Mining Engineering and has been with EPA for two years. Ruth Izraeli, the former Arkwood Project Manager, has been reassigned within the Superfund Program and is responsible for several sites in Texas.

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